

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-6. (CANCELLED)

7.(NEW) A method of indexing a machine or the like in position on the ground, the machine having a leg with a hollow bushing (4; 104) for adjusting its level, which bushing is screwed to the machine and bears without sliding on a soleplate (2; 102) in contact with the ground, the soleplate including an orifice (6; 106) opening out into the bushing, the method comprising the steps of positioning the machine on the ground, of drilling a hole (112) in the ground in line with the orifice (106) in the soleplate (102) using a drilling tool passing along the bushing (4; 104) and through the orifice (6; 106) in the soleplate, and of fitting in the hole a positioning member (107) that co-operates with the orifice (6; 106) in the soleplate in order to index its position on the ground.

8.(NEW) A method according to claim 7,
including~~characterized in that it includes~~ the step of

fastening the positioning member (107) in the hole (112) in the ground.

9.(NEW) A method according to claim 8, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the fastening step consists in embedding the positioning member (107) in the ground.

10.(NEW) A machine leg for implementing the method of claim 7, the leg comprising~~being characterized in that it comprises~~ a hollow bushing (104) with a soleplate-forming bottom (102), the bottom including an orifice (106) for co-operating with a positioning member projecting from the ground.

11.(NEW) A machine leg according to claim 10, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the bottom (103) is made integrally with the bushing (104).

12.(NEW) A machine leg according to claim 10, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the positioning member (107) is secured to the ground and has a threaded free end for receiving a nut (108) for anchoring the bushing (104), the nut bearing against an inside face of the bottom of the bushing (104).